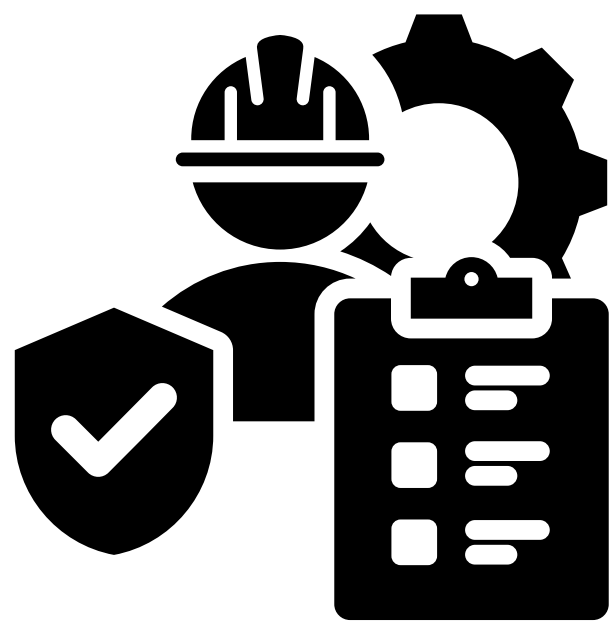


Builds and Procurement - Contractors

Communities share good practices



Effective housing builds and maintenance require technical knowledge. Working with contractors is a key to success.



Using estimating software will keep you and your contractors in check.

Contractors have their own timelines and other demands. A housing project might need several different contractors. A solid working relationship means planning together *with* contractors and sub-contractors. A pre-inspection meeting brings all the contractors and trades together.

What are your good ideas for working with contractors? What is needed to support communities to work with contractors?

There are more and more companies and contractors willing to work with First Nations. Check with neighboring Nations to see who are good to work with.

Keep good lines of communication open with multiple contractors. You never know when they are needed.

Contractors need to be approved before working on-reserve. Make sure they have good people qualities -- are personable, have empathy, and care.

Inspect the work regularly. Regular inspections can help keep contractors on track and ensure that no one cuts corners.

If a community is spending a lot of money for off-reserve contracting, training community residents to learn those trades may help.

Know your building codes. They can drastically change work plans, budgets, contracts, and planning.

